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FACT AND COMMENT.

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During the past spring and summer several of our members have been in the field on a number of short trips and many valuable records were made and specimens have been taken.

Mr. Thomas D. Burleigh was almost constantly in the field during the spring months and secured valuable data and obtained some excellent material in the vicinity of Seattle and Tacoma. He established one new record in securing a species of Fox Sparrow not heretofore known to this region.

Mr. D. E. Brown spent a couple of weeks on the west coast of Washington at Westport, the early part of May, studying the migration of Shore Birds. He secured a valuable collection of specimens and added much to the knowledge of the migration of these birds. He also secured a specimen of the Arctic Bluebird, the first recorded specimen west of the Cascades, and singularly enough it was taken at the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Samuel F. Rathbun spent about three weeks the middle of June in the vicinity of Lake Crescent in the Olympic peninsula, adding to his already valuable collection of ornithological notes of that region. He later on made a trip in the vicinity of Lake Quinault near the west coast of Washington; then on southeast up to the headwaters of the Deschutes River toward Mt. Rainier where he also obtained some valuable knowledge as to the distribution of species.

During the month of August, Mr. C. J. Albrecht, Curator of Zoological Exhibits at the State Museum, made a trip to the west coast of Washington to hunt Sea Lions. He went out to the rocks, which are seven miles out from La Push on the Quillavute Indian Reservation, and while there secured three fine specimens, one being a bull, the largest out of a herd of over 300, and which measured 12 ft. 4 in. long. These specimens will form part of the Sea Lion group now being prepared in the laboratory at the museum.

Mr. Albrecht also spent the month of September in the Cascades near the Canadian border and on the main Cascade game trail between the U. S. and Canada. He secured material to complete his Goat group; also many smaller mammals, including Whistlers, which will be used in a later group, and a collection of birds.

Dr. Walter P. Taylor, Prof. Wm. T. Shaw, J. M. Edson, and George G. Cantwell spent the entire summer in making a biological survey along the northern boundary of the state of Washington. They went in at Glacier, Whatcom County, and progressed nearly to the northern boundary line and then worked eastward. They report a scarcity of bird and animal life in this region during the past few months, but secured some interesting data.

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Members of the Club who are not able to be present at the regular monthly meetings are requested to send in to the Editor notes on their observations or other interesting data, which can be used in the pages of the Murrelet.

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The officers of the Club feel that there are still many persons who, as interested observers or students in bird and mammal life, should be members of the Club. The present members are urged to round up for membership such individuals whom they can vouch for. Application cards can be secured from the Secretary or the President.